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Changes and Updates to Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) Recommendations for Influenza Vaccination

The 2007 influenza recommendations include six principal changes or updates:

- ACIP reemphasizes the importance of administering 2 doses of vaccine to all children aged 6 months--8 years if they have not been vaccinated previously at any time with either LAIV (doses separated by ≥ 4 weeks) or TIV (doses separated by ≥ 4 weeks), on the basis of accumulating data indicating that 2 doses are required for protection in these children.
- ACIP recommends that children aged 6 months--8 years who received only 1 dose in their first year of vaccination receive 2 doses the following year.
- ACIP reiterates a previous recommendation that all persons, including school-aged children, who want to reduce the risk of becoming ill with influenza or of transmitting influenza to others should be vaccinated.
- ACIP emphasizes that immunization providers should offer influenza vaccine and schedule immunization clinics throughout the influenza season.
- ACIP recommends that health-care administrators consider the level of vaccination coverage among health-care personnel (HCP) to be one measure of a patient safety quality program and implement policies to encourage HCP vaccination (e.g., obtaining signed statements from HCP who decline influenza vaccination).
- The 2007--2008 trivalent vaccine strains are A/Solomon Islands/3/2006 (H1N1)-like (new for this season), A/Wisconsin/67/2005 (H3N2)-like, and B/Malaysia/2506/2004-like viruses.

For more information, go to

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5606a1.htm?s_cid=rr5606a1_e.

Satellite Broadcast: Surveillance of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases 2007

This Web-cast will be presented by the CDC and the Public Health Training Network on December 13, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., EST. The program is designed to provide information on case investigation, outbreak control, and disease reporting for vaccine-preventable diseases, and will discuss methods of enhancing surveillance and completing case investigations. Continuing education credits will be available. Additional information is available at <http://www2a.cdc.gov/phtn/vpd-07>.

Information for site administrators about establishing and registering a viewing location is at <http://www.cdc.gov/tceonline>.

No registration is necessary to access the Webcasts via the Internet. The link to the live Webcast is <http://www2a.cdc.gov/phtn/webcast/vpd-07>. The Webcast will be accessible at that location until January 14, 2008, at which time it will be come available on DVD.

Holiday Shipping Changes for VFC Vaccine

Due to upcoming holidays, vaccine shipping will be adjusted to avoid office closures. ISDH will request that McKesson not ship vaccines to arrive on the following dates: December 24 - 28; and January 1, 2008.

Children and Hoosiers Immunization Registry Program (CHIRP) Survey – Please Participate

To complete a satisfaction survey for CHIRP users, please log-in to the CHIRP application at <https://chirp.in.gov> using your log in information and go to the patient search screen, and click on the link above the Patient Search box.

CHIRP User Group Meeting

Call (888) 227-4439 or go to the CHIRP.IN.GOV to register.

December 12, 2007 – MARION COUNTY

9:30AM - Noon CST

Indiana State Department of Health

8th Floor Training Room

2 North Meridian Street

Indianapolis, IN 46202

CHIRP Issues

CHIRP was upgraded this week in an attempt to alleviate the crashing issue with the last upgrade. It appears that the new version is more stable than the previous version and users should notice a difference. Other items users will notice include:

- For facilities using Inventory Management, vaccine lot information will auto populate with the lot that expires the soonest. Auto populate will not work on lots with zero or negative doses, or if you have a specific lot listed in your personal settings.
- When adding vaccinations, if you change the default date field to a previous date, that default date field will continue to the next patient record. Example: You change the default date to April 2, 2002 for Sara Doe then pull up John Doe. The default date will still be set to April 2, 2002.
- Under VFC eligibility there is a new choice called "State Vaccine." This is for future use and should not be used at this time.
- Users will now receive a pop-up window notifying them when their session has expired.

Immunizations: A-to-Z Training

To register, contact: Jodi Morgan, Health Educator, 317-650-5051 or email jmorgan@isdh.in.gov

December 10, 2007

9AM-1PM

Delphi Public Library

Gerber Globe-Valve Program Room

Delphi, Indiana

Space is limited, so please register early if you would like to attend this training!

December 13, 2007

9AM-1:30PM

Redi-Care, Inc

2120 N Detroit St

LaGrange, Indiana

Both training events are open to all providers.

Vaccine for Children Enrollment Training

A VFC Enrollment Update & Review training is now available for providers wishing to have a refresher class in the Vaccines for Children program. For more information contact the Immunization Educator in your region.

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Contact Us

For questions and comments, please contact the ISDH Immunization Program at:
Immunize@ISDH.IN.gov or 800-701-0704.

Reminder:

National Influenza Vaccination Week: November 26 through December 2, 2007

Because many persons recommended for vaccination remain unvaccinated at the end of November, CDC is encouraging public-health partners and health-care providers to conduct vaccination clinics and other activities that promote influenza vaccination during NIVW and throughout the remainder of the influenza season.

For the complete article refer to:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5646a3.htm#fig>

Letter of support from President George W. Bush

See attached.